

L6 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Marriage Pt. 3 | I Cor. 7:1-5

I. Intro/Review:

1. Institution of Marriage
 - 1.1 - "out of man" - "for man"
 - 1.2 - One man and one woman
 - 1.3 - Joined only in marriage
 - 1.4 - Honor of marriage - God | Christ | Church | World
 - 1.4.1 - Time | Place | Persons | Manner
2. Purposes of Marriage
 - 2.1 - Companionship
 - 2.1.1 - Made in the image, after His likeness
 - 2.1.2 - No good to be alone
 - 2.1.3 - Help meet (bone of my bones & flesh of my flesh)
 - 2.1.4 - Exercise dominion
 - 2.2 - Fruitful and Multiply
 - 2.2.1 - Generation - natural - to bring forth a godly seed
 - 2.3 - Avoidance of sin

II. Preview:

1. Avoidance of Sin
2. Benefits of Marriage

III. Sermon:

1. Avoidance of sin
 - 1.1 - This third purpose for marriage comes from God's continuation of it after sin entered the world and death by sin
 - 1.2 - God did not cancel the institution to halt sin
 - 1.2.1 - God did not say you can have the first purpose of marriage, but not the second
 - 1.2.2 - Why doesn't God cancel the institution?
 - Due to the redemption Christ would be the "last Adam"
 - Due to His new body he is "the second man"
 - 1.2.3 - Rather God judges
 - Rom. 5:16 - 'And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.'

- Rom. 8:20 - "For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope,"

1.3 - Sin and lust is going to corrupt the institution

1.3.1 - Adultery, fornication, lewdness, and uncleanness

1.3.2 - Gen. 4:16 - "Cain knew his wife"

- Gen. 4:19 - "Lamech took unto him two wives"

1.4 - Thus God's institution of marriage would be preserved in the face of deceitful lusts and as a remedy for them.

1.4.1 - Originally not given as a remedy of sin because given before sin

1.4.2 - Marriage became a lawful joining to avoid sin - such that even unbelievers can use to avoid sexual sin

- 1 The. 4:3-5
- 1 Cor. 7:1-5
- Marriage is the sanctified substitute for sexual lusts
- Marriage as designed by God is the institution where husband and wife render "due benevolence" to each other
- Due benevolence lovingly given becomes the secure and sweet refuge against lusts and a haven of intimacy and joy

1.4.3 - Scripture teaches time and time again to avoid the strange woman

- Pro. 5:33-21
- Pro. 6:23-29
- Pro. 7:1-27

1.4.4 - The world rejects marriage by fornication

- Destroys marriage by adultery, or
- Perverts it with homosexual relationships
- All God will punish and judge

1.5 - Sexual sin and especially adultery will produce death

1.5.1 - It violates the institution itself

1.5.2 - It dishonors God

1.5.3 - Its makes men look like beasts without reason

1.5.4 - You sin against your own body

1.5.5 - Offend your spouse breaking your vows and covenant

1.5.6 - Destroys families

2. Benefits of Marriage

2.1 - Purposes are the reasons God made marriage - benefits are that which we receive as fruit when we enjoy marriage as God has instituted it and ordained it

2.2 - Relation to the World

2.2.1 - The world may experience some of the blessings of marriage, but not all (companionship, children, avoidance from sexual sin) and will not understand them as God intends.

2.2.2 - Many of these things benefits and blessings are viewed as snares and bring confusion to the world

- Hindrances instead of helps
- Discontent instead of fulfilling
- Unthankful instead of thankful
- Burdensome instead of light
- Weighty instead of praiseworthy

2.3 - Benefits

2.3.1 - Personal

1. The body and the mind show we are made for relationship
 - Husband and wife complement and complete each other as companions
2. Together preserve chastity (2 Cor. 11:2; Tit. 2:5)
3. Mutual comfort in adversity, sickness, and disease and increase joy in glory, triumph, and victory
4. Help in relationship with God
5. The wife is so "meet" to a man that she is almost his second self
 - Bone of my bones - 4 eyes seeing, 4 hands workings, 4 feet walking
 - What one could do alone is half of what they can do together
 - The yoke of marriage and all it represents, joys and hardships, given to the man the wife gladly yield her own neck to - to help pull and shoulder the burden with him.

2.3.2 - Enjoyment of building a family if able

1. Raise sons and daughters in the nurture and admonition of the Lord - to be living monuments of yourself, but most importantly of Christ.
2. 1 Tim. 2:11-15; Deut. 4

2.3.3 - Societal

1. Marriage is the foundation of cities, countries, nations
2. Marriage furnishes the building blocks of society which without they would be empty

2.3.4 - Church

1. Turns the generated into the regenerated
2. Replenishes Christ church for the heavenly places

2.3.5 - Fruitful and Multiply

1. Perpetuates man on the earth

2.4 - Glorify God in our marriages

2.4.1 - Use marriage to serve the good of our spouses soul and body

2.4.2 - To be a beckon of light on earth and prepare for the heavenly places

IV. Conclusion:

1. The Mutual and Spousal Responsibilities in Marriage